

**Commissioners Meeting
December 17, 2013**

Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Mickey Toler, Chuck Painter, Tara Lloyd, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:02 P.M.

Minutes

Toler made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2nd as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve Claims Batch # 2907 in the amount of \$347,234.60. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

Toler made a motion to approve Claims Batch #2910 in the amount of \$71,777.89. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

Logsdon asked if we needed to have any other meetings in 2013. Gogel said he wasn't aware of any reason to schedule another meeting.

Melissa Brockman-Visitors Bureau

Brockman presented the 2014 Budget to the Commissioners for their review. She explained that it was pretty well the same as 2013. They are working on a spring campaign to hopefully bring more people into the county. She explained that this was just to bring the Commissioners up to date on what they were doing. Commissioners thanked her for the good job she does, and keeping them up to date on everything.

Brockman said she had been discussing with the state coordinator about the Visitors Bureau acting as the county coordinator for the 2016 Bicentennial Celebration. She said that typically this would be coordinated through the Commissioner's Office, but she was willing to do it if that was what they wanted.

Logsdon made a motion to approve Melissa Brockman and the Visitors Bureau as the County Coordinator for Spencer County for the 2016 Bicentennial. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

David Russ-County Website

Russ explained that he works for Egov Strategies and they will look at what we currently have as a Website, talk to each department to see what we can do to make it more user friendly. They do municipal websites in 65 communities, 12 counties in this area, and have 400 from Florida to Alaska. Our system can give you paperless meetings; you could pull everything up online, which would cut your printing costs. Logsdon asked if he had a schedule of fees they could look at. Russ responded that the basic cost of getting set up would be approximately \$15,000. Logsdon said our main concern is that we don't have a paid IT person working anywhere in the county, so anything we build would have to be so each department/manager could get into it and upgrade it. What would it cost to train our personnel so they could do that? Russ explained that their system, when it is turned over to the county would be fully operational, everything will be on there. As long as you can type in Microsoft word, you can manage the website; we do provide training, a manual and access to a video library. Logsdon said this is something we definitely need to get into and study.

Stephanie Melton& Matt Conen-RE FIT Testing/Grant Signing

Melton explained that she had talked to the Sheriff's Office and they had agreed to help with the price of the FIT machine as long as their masks were compatible.

Matt Conen, Fire Chief for Grandview, explained that they receive \$26,000 from the town of Grandview and the Township gives an additional \$9,500. Conen presented a budget breakdown to the Commissioners so they could see where the money they receive goes and how hard it would be for them to come up with any additional money to help pay for the FIT machine. Gogel said he would look into the different budget amounts to see if there was anything the Commissioners could do to help.

Melton explained that they had received a TECC Grant for \$10,000. This is for Fire, EMT's, and fit responders training for school safety.

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TECC stands for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care; in the research of school shootings they have determined that the victims are actually bleeding out before receiving care. This training is to train the EMT's and first responders to go into a situation that is not safe to apply a life saving tourniquet. The training is \$10,000 for one day for up to 30 people. Once we get the training we will hold a training session to do a full scale exercise at both schools. Melton said this grant expects the \$10,000 up front and then after the training we will be reimbursed. Training date is set for January 18, 2014.

Toler made a motion to accept the TECC Grant for training. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

Terri Shoufler-ESPY Services

Shoufler explained that ESPY Services does telecommunications audition and recovery. They do not ask for anything up front; whatever they recover, they receive 50%, if we find no errors you pay us nothing. We do not try to get you to buy new equipment, or change providers. We merely go back 36 months in your provider's records and request customer service records for local long distance and cell phones and look for errors. We would only require the most current billing records. Logsdon said since the Sheriff wasn't in attendance he felt we should put this on the agenda for January; this would give Attorney Lindsey time to look over the agreement and let Sheriff Lindsey know what was going on. Logsdon said he would also like to talk to the Commissioners in Lawrence County to see what they think of the program.

Highway Report

Painter explained that during the snow/ice storm on the 6th, 7th, and 9th of December we used 154 hours of overtime which equaled \$3,361.50, \$4,594.64 in fuel, \$3,224.80 in regular time, and used 60 to 70 tons of salt at \$62.25 per ton, total of everything excluding the salt was \$11,180.94. Painter said we need to set a meeting in January where we can all sit down and discuss our road plan and decide what we want to do.

Engineer Report

Lloyd said she had submitted the FA3 application to INDOT for the railroad overpass. Kevin Patmore had contacted her after Santa Claus had received a grant for 3.5 million dollars; with part of that money they would like to look at the possibility of moving County Road 1625 north of its current location. Lloyd said she told him once they decide what they want to do to, make sure he gets all the information to the Auditor's office so it could be put in the Commissioners packets prior to the meeting they would like to attend.

Lloyd asked Lindsey about right-of-way on a county road that was never platted; we have a company that is laying a water line in the right-of-way and they want her to show them where the right-of-way ends. Legally our right-of-way is what we maintain, the road, the ditches up on the edge of the ditch and where we stop mowing that's where our right-of-way ends correct. Lindsey said we have the right to maintain our roads and that is it, you can show them what we maintain.

Legal Report

Lindsey said he had received emails from Wells Fargo on the donation in Grandview saying that they had closed, as far as signing the deed, but we have not received the deed yet. He had The Way sign a Hold Harmless Agreement similar to what we signed as part of that transaction. Lindsey said we should have an authorization for the President of the Commissioners to sign the Quit Claim Deed, to transfer it, so we would own it for only a short period of time and not have to wait until the next meeting. He explained that he had talked to our insurance agent so we will have coverage for whatever length of time we own the property.

Toler made a motion to give the President permission to sign the deed over to The Way. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion approved.

Lindsey said he was working on Solomon's lease but isn't finished with it yet.

Commissioners discussed their reorganizational meeting on January 2nd. Logsdon made a motion to have the reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, January 2nd at 11:00 A.M. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

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Old Business

Steve Obermeier wanted the Commissioners to know that he had a mistake in his letter in the county paper. He had spoken to a Professor at Purdue, Larry Neis and his concern was the spreading of the manure which could cause pathogenic fecal bacteria, even if the manure is spread in compliance with IDEM. He said the solution to that problem would be to have the manure sterilized before spreading, and IDEM does not require sterilization.

Another problem Obermeier was concerned about was airborne pollutants and cited different websites who agreed with his concern. He stated that the state had no requirements concerning the stench and according to reports he has read the stench can travel from 3 to 5 miles and then property values go down and you have more mental health problems also.

Byron Stallings also spoke and presented a copy of an article in the December 13th Indiana Agri News. There was an article about Far Best who has spent over 100 million dollars in Knox County. Far Best has made their commitment in Knox County, Spencer County won't be making very much from this enterprise, and we won't be seeing any economic growth.

Stallings told the Commissioners that IDEM is supposed to hold a public hearing in January concerning this project and he would like the Commissioners to attend.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Toler seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:19 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Jane Lynam